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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mindy Pensak, EPA Region II BTAG Coordinator
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SUBJECT: Diamond Head Oil Site

Work Plan, Diamond Head Oil, Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, June 25, 2002

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the document referenced above. The following comments are provided on behalf of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for consideration by the Biological Technical Assistance Group (BTAG).

According to the Technical Approach for Task RARA020 (pg 2-58), steps 1 through 3 of the Ecological Risk Assessment will include both the Screening Level Ecological Risk Assessment (SLERA) and the Baseline Risk Assessment (BERA). Steps 1 through 3 should include only the SLERA and the Problem Formulation. Should a BERA be warranted, it should be conducted at the end of the "Phase 2" investigations.

Surface water analyses should include salinity and hardness. Sediment analyses should include total organic carbon and grain size.

A map depicting results of the wetland delineation should identify wetland types based on the Cowardin classification system (Cowardin *et al.*, 1979).

NOAA remains interested in offering technical assistance on this site. If you have any questions regarding these comments or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (212) 637-3257 or at Reyhan.Mehran@noaa.gov.

Reference:

Cowardin, L.M., V. Carter, F.C. Golet, and E.T. LaRoe, 1979. Classification of wetlands and deepwater habitats of the United States. U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Biological Services. FWS/OBS-79/31. Washington, D.C. December, 1979.

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